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### Top Stories

- The governor of Oklahoma issued a state of emergency for all 77 counties following a severe storm November 28 that caused severe flooding, left 14 people dead, and knocked out electricity to more than 100,000 customers. – *USA Today* (See item [1](#))
- The U.S. Air Force hired civilian defense contractors to fly MQ-9 Reaper drones in order to provide intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) in global hot spots to help track suspected militants and other targets November 27. – *Los Angeles Times* (See item [4](#))
- At least 1 police officer and 2 civilians were killed and at least 4 other officers and 5 civilians were injured November 27 after a gunman opened fire for several hours at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado Springs. – *Washington Post* (See item [23](#))
- Hong-Kong based VTech Holdings Ltd reported that 5 million customers' accounts and related children's profiles were compromised worldwide after a breach in its database exploited customers' personal information. – *Reuters* (See item [30](#))

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## **Energy Sector**

1. *November 30, USA Today* – (National) **Okla. declares state of emergency amid winter storm, flooding.** A severe storm the weekend of November 28 that moved across Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Tennessee left 14 people dead, knocked out electricity to more than 100,000 customers, and forced the governor of Oklahoma to declare a state of emergency for all 77 counties due to flooding.  
Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/weather/okla-declares-state-of-emergency-amid-winter-storm-flooding/ar-AAfNeGf>

## **Chemical Industry Sector**

2. *November 30, WECT 6 Wilmington* – (North Carolina) **Roads reopen, cleanup near complete after 20,000 gallon methanol spill.** Wilmington officials reported that over 20,000 gallons of liquid methanol spilled November 29 near the Colonial Terminals Company after a valve was accidentally left open, causing a tank to overflow. Crews remained on site November 20 monitoring the chemical and reported there were no safety concerns to the public.  
Source: <http://www.wect.com/story/30626056/happening-now-20000-gallon-methanol-spill-closes-parts-of-front-street>

## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector**

3. *November 28, WGAL 8 Lancaster* – (Pennsylvania) **Three Mile Island returned to service after refueling.** Exelon Generation Corporation-owned Three Mile Island Generating Station restored full power to its Unit 1 nuclear reactor at its Londonderry Township facility November 27 following an October 30 outage that performed tests, inspections, and maintenance activities and replaced about one-third of the reactor's fuel.  
Source: <http://www.wgal.com/news/three-mile-island-returned-to-service-after-refueling/36694344>

## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

Nothing to report

## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

4. *November 27, Los Angeles Times* – (International) **Air Force hires civilian drone pilots for combat patrols; critics question legality.** The U.S. Air Force announced November 27 that it hired civilian defense contractors to fly MQ-9 Reaper drones to conduct combat air patrols, daily round-the-clock flights above areas of military operations, in order to provide intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) in global hot spots to help track suspected militants and other targets. The civilians are not combatants and are not allowed to pinpoint targets or fire missiles.  
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-fg-drone-contractor-20151127-story.html>

5. *November 27, Federal Times* – (Florida) **Florida contractor pleads guilty for tax fraud scheme.** The U.S. Department of Justice reported that a Fort Lauderdale man pleaded guilty November 24 to a \$1.7 million tax fraud scheme in which he underpaid corporate and individual income tax by hiding funds, and committed his activities through his company, Simplex Corporation, a company that provided aircraft parts to U.S. military deployed overseas. The contractor admitted to making illegal payments to a government contract and U.S. military personnel.  
Source: <http://www.federaltimes.com/story/government/management/oversight/2015/11/27/florida-contractor-pleads-guilty-tax-fraud-scheme/76383472/>

## **Financial Services Sector**

6. *November 29, Associated Press* – (National) **Man charged with \$1.4 million MoneyGram embezzlement.** Authorities in the U.S. Virgin Islands arrested a man November 29 for allegedly embezzling \$1.4 million from his former employer, MoneyGram International Incorporated after failing to deposit a \$1.4 million check into a company account and using the funds for personal use.  
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/man-charged-14-million-moneygram-embezzlement-35477325>
7. *November 25, U.S. Department of the Treasury* – (International) **Treasury sanctions networks providing support to the Government of Syria, including for facilitating Syrian government oil purchases from ISIL.** The U.S. Department of the Treasury designated 4 individuals and 6 entities November 25 for allegedly providing support to the Government of Syria as well as indirectly supporting the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) through oil sales. The designation froze U.S. assets of the suspects, who have business operations in Belize, Russia, and Syria.  
Source: <https://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/jl0287.aspx>
8. *November 25, U.S. Department of Justice* – (Texas) **Federal Jury Convicts San Antonio Businessman in Estimated \$3.9 Million Tax Fraud Scheme.** A Federal jury convicted the former owner of San Antonio-based Gourmet Express LLC November 25 for conspiring with family members to defraud the U.S. Internal Revenue Service of approximately \$3.9 million between 2001 and 2009 by using shell companies in Thailand to over-report prices paid abroad for goods, while siphoning off funds for personal use.  
Source: <http://www.justice.gov/usao-wdtx/pr/federal-jury-convicts-san-antonio-businessman-estimated-39-million-tax-fraud-scheme>

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

9. *November 30, KNXV 15 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **MCSO: Five people dead after two car collision in Sun Lakes.** Five people were killed in a head-on collision near Hunt Highway and Dobson Road in Sun Lakes November 29, prompting the highway's

closure for several hours while authorities investigated the incident.

Source: <http://www.abc15.com/news/region-southeast-valley/chandler/mcso-fatal-car-collision-in-sun-lakes-closes-down-roads>

10. *November 30, Richmond Times-Dispatch* – (Virginia) **State police say speed was a factor in Chesterfield bus crash.** Southbound lanes on the Powhite Parkway in Chesterfield County were restricted for several hours November 29 following an accident involving an overturned tour bus on the southbound ramp of the parkway which sent 33 passengers to area hospitals with injuries.  
Source: [http://www.richmond.com/news/local/traffic/article\\_5652e7ac-2d17-5461-979f-102c5672ceb4.html](http://www.richmond.com/news/local/traffic/article_5652e7ac-2d17-5461-979f-102c5672ceb4.html)
11. *November 30, KBTX 3 Bryan/College Station* – (Texas) **Highway 6 lanes open again after major accident.** Highway 6 in College Station reopened after closing for over 2 hours November 29 following 3 separate chain-reaction crashes involving 17 vehicles.  
Source: <http://www.kbtx.com/news/headlines/Major-Accident-Shuts-Down-Highway-6-358355821.html>
12. *November 29, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **3 dead in crash involving car, van, truck hauling cows.** Three people were killed and more than 12 others were injured following a crash involving 3 vehicles on Interstate 287 in Bernards Township November 29, prompting the closure of the interstate for several hours while officials investigated.  
Source: <http://6abc.com/news/3-dead-in-crash-involving-car-van-truck-hauling-cows/1102887/>
13. *November 29, inForney.com* – (Texas) **Heavy rains cause levee failure and road closures across Kaufman County, threaten highway closure.** Heavy rains caused the closure of 8 county roads and flooded approximately 3,200 acres in Kaufman County after a levee along the East Fork Trinity River failed November 29.  
Source: <http://inforney.com/local-news/item/3953-heavy-rains-cause-levee-failure-and-road-closures-across-kaufman-county-threaten-highway-closure>
14. *November 28, KSL 5 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **Tanker crash sends oil into Provo River as snow and ice create hazards.** U.S. 189 near Vivian Park in Provo Canyon was closed for at least 8 hours November 28 due to an accident involving a semi-truck carrying two oil tankers that crashed and spilled about 4,500 gallons of oil. Hazardous road conditions caused over 200 accidents along the Wasatch Front.  
Source: <http://www.ksl.com/?sid=37547231&nid=148&title=semi-overturms-in-provo-canyon-oil-leaks-into-provo-river>
15. *November 28, Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman* – (Alaska) **Parks reopened after closing for Saturday morning wreck.** Parks Highway in Wasilla was closed for more than 2 hours November 28 while officials investigated the scene of a 2-vehicle crash that left 3 people injured.  
Source: [http://www.frontiersman.com/for\\_the\\_record/parks-reopened-after-closing-for](http://www.frontiersman.com/for_the_record/parks-reopened-after-closing-for)

[saturday-morning-wreck/article\\_0214ab98-9605-11e5-a5fd-cf310b93229b.html](http://www.witn.com/home/headlines/Vehicle-crash-closes-Highway-11-356281281.html)

16. *November 28, WITN 7 Washington* – (North Carolina) **Man listed in critical condition after accident that closed Hwy 11.** Highway 11 in Pitt County was closed for several hours November 27 following a 2-vehicle crash involving a car and a semi-truck that sent 1 driver to the hospital in critical condition.  
Source: <http://www.witn.com/home/headlines/Vehicle-crash-closes-Highway-11-356281281.html>

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

17. *November 30, Associated Press* – (New York) **NYC's novel salt warning rule set to take effect at chains.** The New York City Board of Health announced November 30 that restaurants will be required starting from December 1 to put a salt shaker symbol next to certain sandwiches, salads, and other items that contain more than the recommended sodium intake of 2,300 milligrams after the Board made the decision September 2015.  
Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/nycs-novel-salt-warning-rule-set-to-take-effect-at-chains/ar-AAfOctm>
18. *November 28, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (California) **Mama Lina's Inc. recalls Beef and Chicken Empanada products produced without benefit of inspection.** San Diego-based Mama Lina's Inc., recalled 1,754 pounds of beef, chicken, sweet wine beef, and chipotle chicken empanadas November 27 after routine testing by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) found that products produced by another leasing entity of Mama Lina's Inc., were distributed without the marks of USDA inspection. The products were distributed to retail locations in San Diego.  
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-144-2015-release>
19. *November 27, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **20 tons of beef stolen in meat plant heist.** Pennsylvania State Police reported November 27 that a trucker used a fake ID and vehicle registration to pick up a scheduled delivery of 40,000 pounds of beef worth \$110,000 from Nicholas Meat in Loganton November 21. Authorities are investigating the incident after the trucker failed to show up at the shipment's final destination in Wisconsin.  
Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/20-tons-of-beef-burgled-in-pennsylvania-meat-plant-heist/>
20. *November 25, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (International) **USDA releases final rule establishing inspection program for Siluriformes fish, including catfish.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced November 25 that a new inspection program will be in effect for imported and domestically-raised fish of the order Siluriformes, including catfish, as laid out in the 2014 Farm Bill. After a transitional period of 18 months, the USDA will begin to conduct species and residue

testing, previously done by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/newsroom/news-releases-statements-and-transcripts/news-release-archives-by-year/archive/2015/nr-112515-01>

## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

21. *November 30, Marion Star* – (Ohio) **Boil alert issued Sunday night.** A boil water advisory was issued for approximately 17,000 Aqua Ohio customers in Marion and the villages of Caledonia November 30 due to a filter malfunction at the Marion water treatment plant that caused high levels of cloudiness in water exiting the plant. The advisory will be removed once tests results show no that no bacteria is present.  
Source: <http://www.marionstar.com/story/news/local/2015/11/29/boil-alert-issued-sunday-night/76544088/>
22. *November 29, KXXV 25 Waco* – (Texas) **Residents in Marlin still without water Sunday.** About 3,000 residents in Marlin remained without water service November 29 after a mechanical issue at the city's water treatment plant November 27 caused filters to clog, which cut down water production. Utility crews worked to pump water into the town with no estimated time for the restoration of service.  
Source: <http://www.kxxv.com/story/30618379/marlin-should-get-water-back-saturday>

For another story, see item [1](#)

## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

23. *November 28, Washington Post* – (Colorado) **Gunman kills officer, two others at Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado.** At least 1 police officer and 2 civilians were killed and at least 4 other officers and 5 civilians were injured November 27 after a gunman entered a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado Springs and opened fire in an hours-long shooting standoff before surrendering to police. Several surrounding businesses were told to take cover and remain indoors during the incident.  
Source: [https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/2015/11/27/ff579e40-9543-11e5-b5e4-279b4501e8a6\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/2015/11/27/ff579e40-9543-11e5-b5e4-279b4501e8a6_story.html)

## **Government Facilities Sector**

24. *November 29, WLS 7 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Online gun threat prompts University of Chicago closure Monday.** The University of Chicago campus in Illinois and surrounding institutions were closed until at least November 30 following an online threat of gun violence on the campus that was received November 29. University officials are working with the FBI to investigate the threat.  
Source: <http://abc7chicago.com/news/online-gun-threat-prompts-university-of-chicago-closure-monday/1103467/>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

25. *November 30, KTVX 4 Salt Lake City/KUCW 30 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **Lockdown lifted at Salt Lake County Jail.** The Salt Lake County Jail in Utah was released from lockdown November 30 following two occurrences in which a guard was assaulted by an inmate and transported to an area hospital with injuries November 27, and an assault in which two other staffers were injured November 28.  
Source: <http://www.good4utah.com/news/top-stories/salt-lake-county-jail-under-lock-down>

## **Information Technology Sector**

26. *November 30, Securityweek* – (International) **Microsoft unveils protection against potentially unwanted applications.** Microsoft released a new feature for its Systems Center Endpoint Protection (SCEP) and Forefront Endpoint Protection (FEP) systems that includes a new potentially unwanted application (PUA) protection program that automatically identifies unwanted software containing threat names, such as PUA:Win32/Creprote, that targets software bundling technologies, PUA applications, and PUA frameworks and decreases the amount of adware, toolbars, or other malicious applications that can be installed.  
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/microsoft-unveils-potentially-unwanted-application-protection-enterprises>
27. *November 30, Securityweek* – (International) **Insecure app exposed Billboard Lights to hacker attacks.** A security researcher reported that the SmartLink Android App to remotely control highway billboard sign lights had several vulnerabilities, including authentication flaws that can allow attackers to bypass the authentication mechanism and gain access to SmartLink customers' data, perform man-in-the middle (MitM) attacks, and access web directories including files containing the application programming interface (API) source code and log files containing user login information.  
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/insecure-app-exposed-billboard-lights-hacker-attacks>
28. *November 28, Softpedia* – (International) **DecryptorMax ransomware decrypted, no need to pay the ransom.** A security researcher from Emisoft created a new tool dubbed DecryptInfinite that decodes files encrypted by the DecryptorMax ransomware, also known as CryptInfinite, which allows infected users to obtain encrypted information without paying the ransom by using at least one file in its unencrypted form to drag and drop over the tool's main window.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/decryptormax-ransomware-decrypted-no-need-to-pay-the-ransom-496848.shtml>
29. *November 27, Securityweek* – (International) **Critical vulnerability patched in Zen Cart.** Zen Cart, the open source shopping cart software, released patches for several of its vulnerabilities including several cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerabilities in the "order-comments" fields and the administration edit fields; a PHP file inclusion

vulnerability which allowed remote attackers to exploit the / ajax.php file to execute arbitrary PHP code and gain unlimited access to databases and files; as well as a low severity vulnerability that caused incorrect passwords to remain in the password field following a failed login attempt.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/critical-vulnerability-patched-zen-cart>

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### Internet Alert Dashboard

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <http://www.it-isac.org>

## Communications Sector

Nothing to report

## Commercial Facilities Sector

30. *November 30, Reuters* – (International) **Data breach at Hong Kong toy maker VTech highlights broader problems.** Hong-Kong based VTech Holdings Ltd, a company that sells electronic toys, reported that 5 million customers' accounts and related children's profiles were compromised worldwide after a breach in its database exploited customers' names, email addresses, passwords, secret questions, and Internet Protocol (IP) addresses, among other information. VTech officials notified all account holders of the breach and reported that credit card information, ID card numbers, Social Security numbers, and drivers' license numbers were unaffected.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/11/30/us-vtech-cyberattack-idUSKBN0TJ0B620151130#iBqELHme53sfTHDX.97>
31. *November 29, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **12 hospitalized after gas leak at apartment complex.** Houston officials reported November 29 that 12 residents from the Vista on Gessner apartments were sent to area hospitals for carbon monoxide poisoning November 28 after officials deemed an issue with a vent, serving a bank of gas dryers, caused the toxic gas to flow throughout the entire apartment building. CenterPoint Energy officials cut off all natural gas to the entire complex until the building utility company ensures the ventilation system is functioning properly.  
Source: <http://www.khou.com/story/news/local/2015/11/28/residents-hospitalized-after-unknown-leak-sw-houston-apartment-complex/76514874/>
32. *November 29, Montgomery Raycom News Network; WMTW 8 Poland Spring; Natchez Democrat; WGME 38 Portland; Elmira Star-Gazette* – (National) **Walmart stores in several states evacuated by automated bomb threats.** Five Walmart stores in Louisiana, Maine, and New York were closed or evacuated November 28 after police received phoned bomb threats for several Walmart stores. Officials found no explosive



devices and cleared the facilities.

Source: <http://www.wfsb.com/story/30622373/walmart-stores-in-several-states-evacuated-by-automated-bomb-threats>

33. *November 28, CNBC* – (National) **Neiman Marcus suffers extended black Friday outage.** Neiman Marcus officials reported that its homepage Web site was offline for several hours November 27 following an outage that left error messages when customers viewed its Web pages. The error was fixed November 28.  
Source: <http://www.cnbc.com/2015/11/27/neiman-marcus-suffers-extended-black-friday-outage.html>
34. *November 28, The Janesville Gazette* – (Wisconsin) **Bomb threat prompts evacuation of Janesville Mall.** The Janesville Mall in Wisconsin was evacuated and closed for nearly 2 hours November 28 while police crews cleared the building of any explosive devices following a bomb threat made via Facebook. Authorities found no suspicious devices and deemed the building safe.  
Source: [http://www.gazettextra.com/20151128/bomb\\_threat\\_prompts\\_evacuation\\_of\\_janesville\\_mall](http://www.gazettextra.com/20151128/bomb_threat_prompts_evacuation_of_janesville_mall)
35. *November 27, Rawlins Daily Times; Rock Springs Rocket-Miner* – (Wyoming) **Rawlins Walmart evacuated Friday afternoon.** A Rawlins Walmart was evacuated and closed November 27 for approximately 2 hours after Rawlins Police Department received a phoned bomb threat. Officials found no traces of explosive devices and are investigating a series of bomb threats targeting Walmart across the nation.  
Source: <http://www.rawlinstimes.com/news/2015/11/rawlins-walmart-evacuation-possibly-part-of-multi-store-bomb-threats-in-several-states/>

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## **Dams Sector**

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